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Gary Peltier
Richard Tobias
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**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Umphenour

Staff Present:	Village Manager	Oliver Turner
	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler

Guests Present: Teresa Grabill, CFO and Owner, Grabill, Inc.
Greg Grabill, Owner, Grabill, Inc.
Patricia Lucas, Lapeer Development Corporation
Scott Stroup, Owner, Stroup Builders

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item #9, Chief Nael's request to use forfeiture funds for constructing a garage addition.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Public Hearing Minutes, August 20, 2013, with a correction to the spelling of Southeastern Heatmor in the "Guests Present" section.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2013, with corrections to attendees (Mr. Lauer was absent, not Mr. Love) and to correct the spelling of Southeastern Heatmor in the "Guests Present" Section.
3. Warrant #13-09-A Checks #31828 – 31862
4. Payroll Report Checks #15454 – 15464, DD# 366-380

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution No. 13-09-01 – Grabill, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application for Purchased Equipment

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution No. 13-09-01 approving the application submitted by Grabill, Inc. for an industrial facilities tax exemption certificate for purchased machinery and approving the included tax abatement agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Peltier, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: Umphenour
Abstain: None

2. Resolution No. 13-09-02 – Grabill, Inc. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application for Leased Equipment

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution No. 13-09-02 approving the application submitted by Grabill, Inc. for an industrial facilities tax exemption certificate for leased machinery and approving the included tax abatement agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Schneider
Nays: None
Absent: Umphenour
Abstain: None

Councilmember Love inquired if there was a follow-up procedure in place to determine if companies actually create the number of jobs they claim they will create through the issuance of abatements. Councilmember Dyke indicated that previous village managers have distributed questionnaires to the companies that were granted exemptions.

3. Drakeshire Utility Connection Fees

Mr. Scott Stroup of Stroup Builders made a presentation regarding construction in the Drakeshire subdivision. Mr. Stroup requested a reduction in utility connection fees for four more houses in the Drakeshire subdivision and one Condo (Duplex) in the Stone Ridge subdivision. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, with Peltier and Tobias dissenting, to honor the seven utility connection fee reductions inadvertently administered by the Village. **MOTION PASSED**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, with Tobias dissenting, to allow a 25% reduction in utility connection fees for four houses in the Drakeshire subdivision and one condo in the Stone Ridge subdivision for Stroup Builders. **MOTION PASSED**

4. **Cummins Bridgeway, LLC Invoice - \$5,481.88**

WWTP Superintendent Farley made a presentation regarding the failure of the main generator at the waste water treatment plant. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the invoice from Cummins Bridgeway, LLC in the amount of \$5,481.88.

5. **UIS SCADA Quote – Purchase and Installation of Transducers for Sanitary Sewer System - \$14,631.00**

WWTP Superintendent Farley made a presentation on transducers needed for the sanitary sewer system. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the quote from UIS SCADA for the purchase and installation of transducers in an amount not to exceed \$14,631.00.

6. **DTE Energy Agreement to Reactivate Drakeshire Street Lights**

Manager Turner stated the Drakeshire Homeowner's Association has requested that DTE Energy reactivate three street lights within the Drakeshire subdivision due to recent growth.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with DTE Energy to reactivate three street lights in the Drakeshire subdivision.

7. **Pavement Marking Bid – M&M Pavement Marking**

Manager Turner stated the Village had received one bid for the pavement marking from M&M Pavement Marking for \$3,080. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the bid submitted by M&M Pavement Marking for centerline painting, edge line painting, and the painting of stop bars, lane arrows, and cross walk lines in an amount not to exceed \$3,080.00.

8. **Ordinance No. 187 – Medical Marijuana Ordinance**

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 187, a proposed medical marijuana ordinance, Village Attorney Gary Howell's recommendations regarding the matter, and current laws.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to rescind the moratorium and table this issue indefinitely.

9. **Police Forfeiture Fund Use**

Chief Nael requested that Council allow the police department to use forfeiture funds to build an additional garage to house all the patrol vehicles. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to approve Chief Nael pursuing quotes to build an additional garage.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **DWSD Communication**
2. **Cost Recovery Ordinance**
3. **DDA Director's Report**
4. **DDA Director's Annual Report of Activities**

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Manager Turner stated he is obtaining quotes to ensure the Municipal Building is compliant with the Property Maintenance Code and to have additional landscaping completed. The cost to the Village would be around \$3,200.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: September 17, 2013